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19 January 1955

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Legislation**

1. I discussed with Lyle Fisher, General Counsel to the Comptroller General, the question of whether legislation of general application passed since the effective date of our enabling act would, in his opinion, impair or affect our broad exemptions and special authorities. Mr. Fisher stated informally that he could see no basis for any impairment of our authorities in later general legislation unless it in any way specified or was directed to our particular authorities.

2. This, of course, cannot be depended upon as the official position of the Comptroller General but I think is sufficient for the purposes of our comments to the Bureau of the Budget on the Overseas Allowances Act of 1955.

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cc: Legislative Counsel